

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## INFORMATION REPORT

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SOURCE:

1. The construction of a new standard-gauge, single-track rail line from Telciu (4706N-2425E) to Viseul de Jos afforded the first standard-gauge rail connection between central Rumania and the city of Sighet (4755N-2353E) located on the northwest Rumanian border. Previously rail traffic to Sighet from other points in Rumania had to pass through the Carpatho-Ukraine.
2. The narrow gauge rail line from Telciu to Moiseu (4739N-2432E) was dismantled and a single-track, standard-gauge rail line was constructed. This rail line was laid on the same rail bed from Telciu to Romuli (4732N-2425E). Between Romuli and Sacelu (4505N-2334E), a long tunnel, approximately 1.5 km. in length, was constructed. The mountain through which the tunnel was built was approximately 900 to 1,000 m. high.

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3. The new line north of this tunnel ran to a point just east of Sacelu and then continued in a northerly direction (east of Dragomiresti) to Viseul de Jos. Between Sacelu and Viseul de Jos, a railroad viaduct (120 to 150 m. long, with approximately seven concrete supports) was constructed. North of this viaduct, a tunnel 600 to 800 m. in length was constructed through a mountain. A curved railroad viaduct was also constructed at Romuli. It passed over the village and was 15 to 20 m. above the ground. I do not know its length; it had nine concrete supports. At Sacelu a concrete arch-type railroad bridge approximately 30 m. in length was built. Reference is made to Encl. A, Memory Sketch of New Rail Facility, Area Between Telciu and Viseul de Jos.

- Point # 1. Rail Bridge: Approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  km. west of Viseul de Jos. Spanned the Viseu River. Three-span, steel bridge, 30 to 40 m. long; it had two oval concrete supports approximately 20 m. apart.
- # 2. Dragoioasele Tunnel: Approximately 800 m. in length.
- # 3. Viaduct: It was straight; 120 to 150 m. in length; it had seven concrete supports.
- # 4. Rail Bridge: Spanned small river; dimensions and construction material unknown to me.
- # 5. Rail Bridge: Small; dimensions and construction material unknown to me. Passed over a highway.
- # 6. Tunnel: Approximately 1.5 km. long. Section of mountain through which tunnel was constructed was 900 to 1,000 m. in height.
- # 7. Viaduct: Curved; had nine concrete supports. Passed over the village of Romuli; 15 to 20 m. in height.

Reference is made to Encl. B, Memory Sketch of Relay Yards, Viseul de Jos.

Point # 1. Water Pumping Unit.

- # 2. Water Pipe.
- # 3. Cemetery.
- # 4. Wye-shaped Rail Section: It had been projected to construct this section as indicated on sketch.
- # 5. Locomotive Repair Shop: Dimensions and construction material unknown to me.
- # 6. Locomotive Stalls: There were six, constructed of reinforced concrete, approximately six cm. thick.
- # 7. Turntable: Dimensions unknown to me.
- # 8. Water Pipe.
- # 9. Water Tower: Approximately 20 m. in height with a capacity of 40,000 lit.

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- # 10. Barrack-type Buildings: Under construction in 1949; to be used as living quarters.
- # 11. Railroad Station: Temporary Construction. Wooden.
- # 12. Rail Brodge: Approximately 30 m. long; had a steel span and two concrete supports.
- # 13. Highway Bridge: No further information.

Enclosures:

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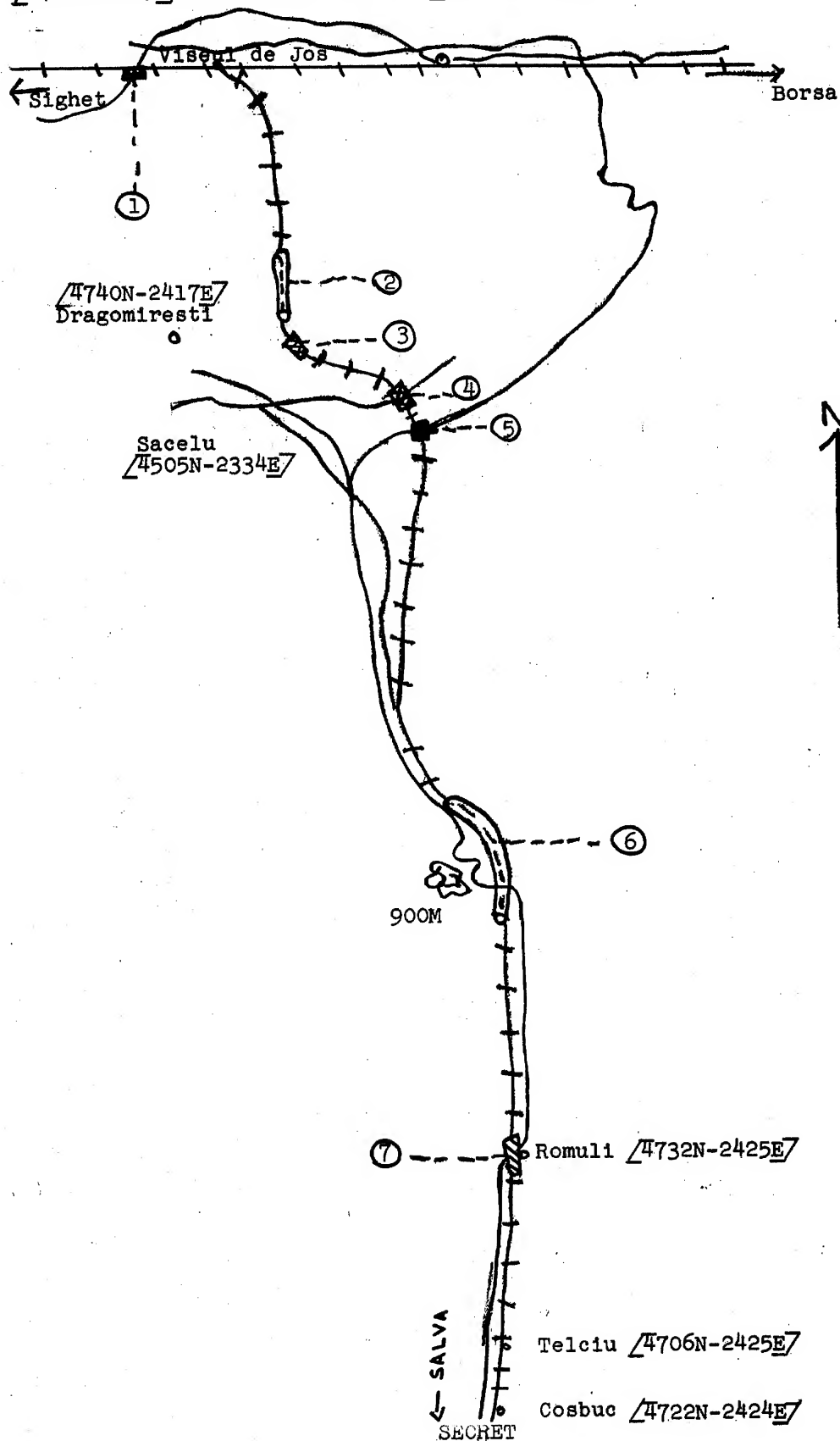
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- B. [ ] Relay Yards, Viseul de Jos.

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ENCLOSURE: A

Source's Memory Sketch - New Rail Facility, Area Between Telciu  
[4706N-2425E] and Viseul de Jos [4744N-2422E]

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Sketch of Relay Yards - Visuel de Jos [7474N-2422E]

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